

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

April 2013 – Week 3

Air Date: April 14 – April 20 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: THE BLACK BLIZZARD

APRIL 1935 AND TEXAS IS BLOWN AWAY.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

APRIL 14, 1935. THE TEXAS PANHANDLE. HAVING SUFFERED DOZENS OF RECENT DUST STORMS, PANHANDLE RESIDENTS FINALLY ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

AT FOUR PM BIRDS SUDDENLY FILL THE AIR, THE TEMPERATURE DROPS AND THE SKY TURNS BLACK. SOME WONDER IF IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD.

IT'S A BLACK BLIZZARD, A MASSIVE DUST STORM TRAVELING 60 MILES AN HOUR AND BLOCKING OUT THE SUN. THE DUST CAUSES CROP FAILURES AND ILLNESS ACROSS THE REGION.

FOREVER KNOWN AS BLACK SUNDAY, IT'S THE WORST DUST STORM IN TEXAS HISTORY.

THE BLACK SUNDAY DUST STORM OCCURRED 78 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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